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Dear William:

This is a rather belated response to your letter of 29 September. It has been circulated around the shop. I trust that the specific questions therein are being taken care of.

I am delighted that all seems to be going so well. Independent confirmation has just been received in the form of a very fine letter from [redacted] so, I gather that all goes well except that you seem to be unduly pressed by non-research activities. I intend to discuss this problem with [redacted] when he gets to Washington.

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We had a very good time with [redacted] and I think they have some of the dope they were after.

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I hope [redacted] felt that we treated him right during his very hectic two and a half weeks with us.

I think things have shaken down pretty well around here though much remains to be done. Our long-range program has been pretty well finalized without too much left in the way of scars on ^{cautious} division and branch chiefs. [redacted] is doing an excellent job in getting that office on an efficient SOP to deal with the increasing demands placed upon it by the administrative offices and the increasing size of our staff. Recruiting is still a problem, though for a change, we seem to have for some key spots more qualified applicants than we have openings. I sincerely hope by next summer we will be pretty well staffed up. At the moment I am as busy as the proverbial cat on the barroom floor trying to keep a modest eye on this office while at the same time holding down [redacted] job while he makes a round-the-world swing lasting seven weeks. As you probably know he will be [redacted] about the middle of December, you should be prepared to talk freely and frankly with him. Be sure you do a bit of a salesmanship job on the value to us of having the arrangement you now operate under persist.

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The office was split pretty well down the middle on the last election but everyone seems to have taken it in good part. As you can well imagine, I was in seventh heaven as the results began to pour in.

Give my best regards to all and assure them that we are thinking of them and talking about you all constantly.

Sincerely,
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